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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office action dated May 19, 2004, in which the Examiner requested Applicant to elect one of 16 invention groups. response to this request, and following a telephone interview with Examiners Foley and Le, Applicant provides herein a new set of claims for the Examiner's consideration.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

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